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HOUSE RESOLUTION No. _____

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A RESOLUTION commemorating the 60th anniversary
of the liberation of the concentration camps in Europe.

*Whereas, 2005 marks the 60th anniversary of the end of the
Holocaust, which was ruthlessly and tragically carried out by
Nazi Germany under the leadership of Adolph Hitler;*

*Whereas, The Holocaust, a Greek word meaning sacrifice
by fire, was the systematic murder of millions of innocent
Jewish men, women, and children along with millions of others;*

*Whereas, An enormity of suffering was inflicted on
Holocaust victims through mistreatment, brutalization,
violence, torture, slave labor, highly questionable medical
experimentation, death marches, and numerous other acts of*

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cruelty that are known as "crimes against humanity";

Whereas, During the past 60 years, the Holocaust has provided the people of the world with a lesson in the importance of compassion; caring; kindness; an awareness of the dangers inherent in bigotry, racism, intolerance, and prejudice; and an understanding of the importance of appreciating diversity; and

Whereas, In a world where bigotry and intolerance still exist, it is more necessary than ever to communicate that hatred is a destructive force and that prejudice can lead to evil: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. That the members of the Indiana House of
- 2 Representatives hereby resolve to commemorate the 60th anniversary
- 3 of the Holocaust by designating May 6, 2005, as Holocaust
- 4 Commemoration Day in the state of Indiana and encourage the state's
- 5 citizens to commemorate the occasion through acts of compassionate
- 6 caring and reflection on the terrible consequences and lessons of the
- 7 Holocaust.
- 8 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
- 9 Representatives shall transmit a copy of this resolution to the Jewish
- 10 Federation of Northwest Indiana.

